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PURUSHOTTAM DEV AND PADMAVATI



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Prince Purushottam Dev, the legendary hero of our story, was a staunch devotee of Lord Jagannatha, the famous deity of Puri.

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Our story tells of the love of Prince Purushottam Dev for Padmavati, the beautiful princess of Kanchi. The two have to face many trials before they are finally united at the car festival of the deity, Jagannatha.

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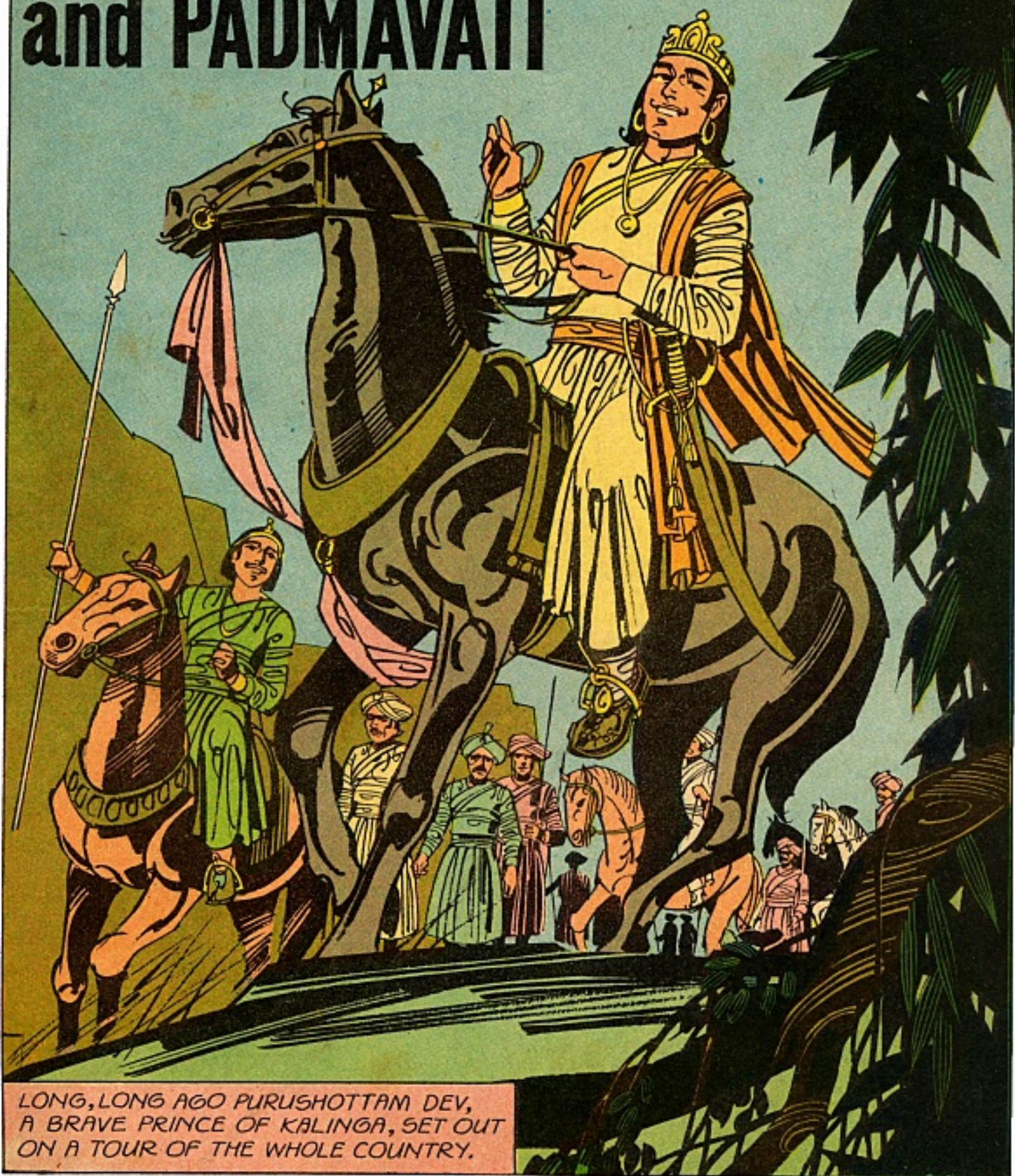
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LONG, LONG AGO PURUSHOTTAM DEV,
A BRAVE PRINCE OF KALINGA, SET OUT
ON A TOUR OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

ONE DAY, HE AND HIS COMPANIONS CAMPED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A FOREST IN THE KINGDOM OF KANCHI.



SUDDENLY —

WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
DEER!



PURUSHOTTAM DEV FOLLOWED THE DEER INTO THE FOREST.

I SHALL
TRACK IT
DOWN.



BUT BEFORE HE COULD GO FAR, TWO STRONG MEN BLOCKED HIS WAY.

HALT! HOW DARE YOU DISTURB THE PEACE IN THE FOREST? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT PRINCESS PADMAVATI IS HERE?



WE WILL BIND YOU AND TAKE YOU TO HER.

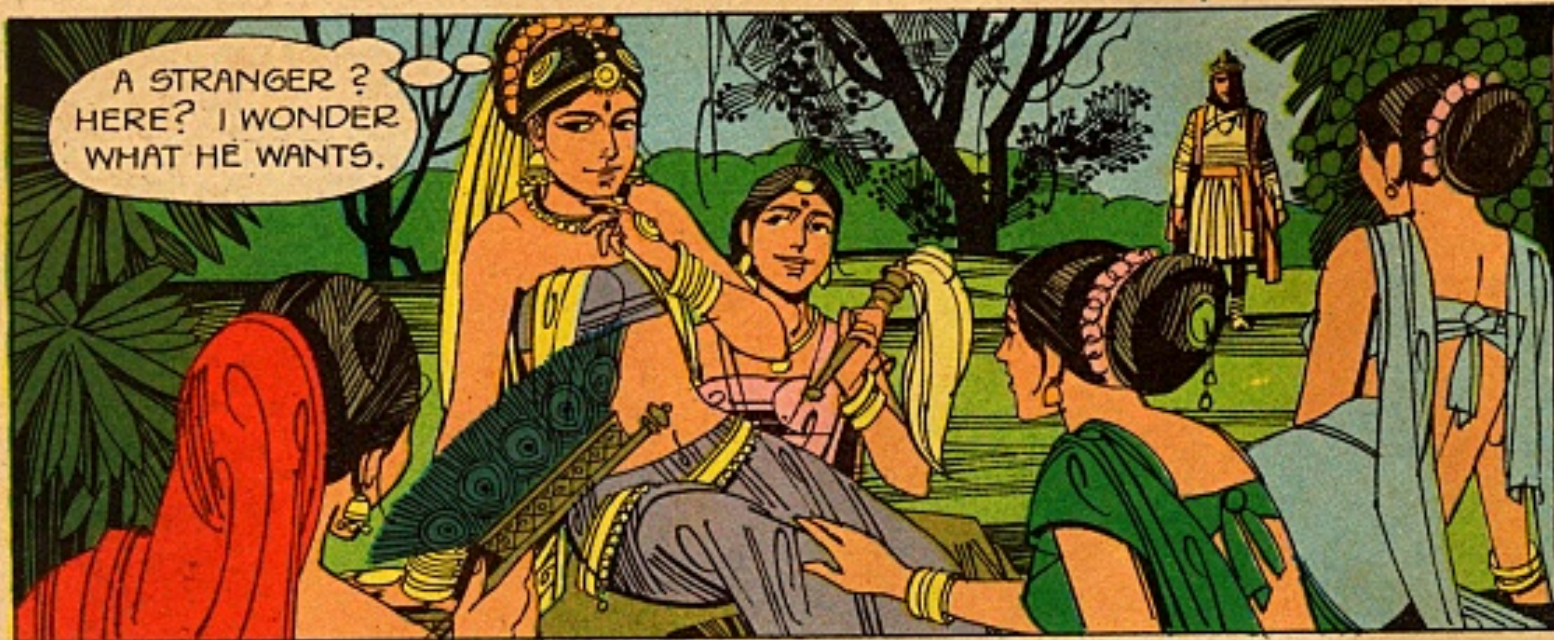


IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN TWO LIKE YOU TO BIND ME!



NOW RELAX WHILE I PRESENT MYSELF TO YOUR PRINCESS.





PURUSHOTTAM DEV BOWED TO THE PRINCESS.



THE PRINCESS REMAINED SILENT.





THE KING TURNED TO HIS MINISTER.

WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE PRINCE OF KALINGA TO PASS THROUGH OUR KINGDOM LIKE A COMMONER. GO INVITE HIM TO THE PALACE.



THE MINISTER HURRIED TO PURUSHOTTAM DEV'S CAMP.

OUR KING SENDS YOU HIS GREETINGS. HE WOULD LIKE TO ENTERTAIN YOU AT THE PALACE.

I AM HONOURED!



AT THE PALACE—

O MIGHTY KING OF KANCHI, I AM PLEASED TO MEET YOU. YOURS IS A DELIGHTFUL KINGDOM.





PURUSHOTTAM DEV EAGERLY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. HE OCCUPIED HIMSELF WITH VARIOUS ROYAL SPORTS AND REGALED HIS HOSTS WITH FASCINATING TALES OF TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE.



A FEW DAYS LATER, A MESSENGER CAME FROM PURI, THE CAPITAL OF KALINGA.

I BRING BAD NEWS. YOUR FATHER IS DEAD.

THE PRINCE BID THE ROYAL FAMILY FAREWELL AND HASTENED BACK TO PURI.

AS SOON AS PURUSHOTTAM DEV REACHED PURI, HE WAS CROWNED KING OF KALINGA.

BUT HE COULD NOT FORGET PADMAVATI.



HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, PADMAVATI TOO THOUGHT AND DREAMT OF HIM.



AT LAST HER CLOSE COMPANIONS DECIDED TO TELL THE QUEEN ABOUT IT.

OUR PRINCESS IS IN LOVE WITH THE KING OF KALINGA.



I HAD SUSPECTED IT. I SHALL SPEAK TO HER FATHER.

THE KING WAS DELIGHTED.

SHE COULD NOT HAVE SET HER HEART ON A BETTER PERSON. I SHALL SETTLE MATTERS FAST.

I KNEW YOU WOULD.

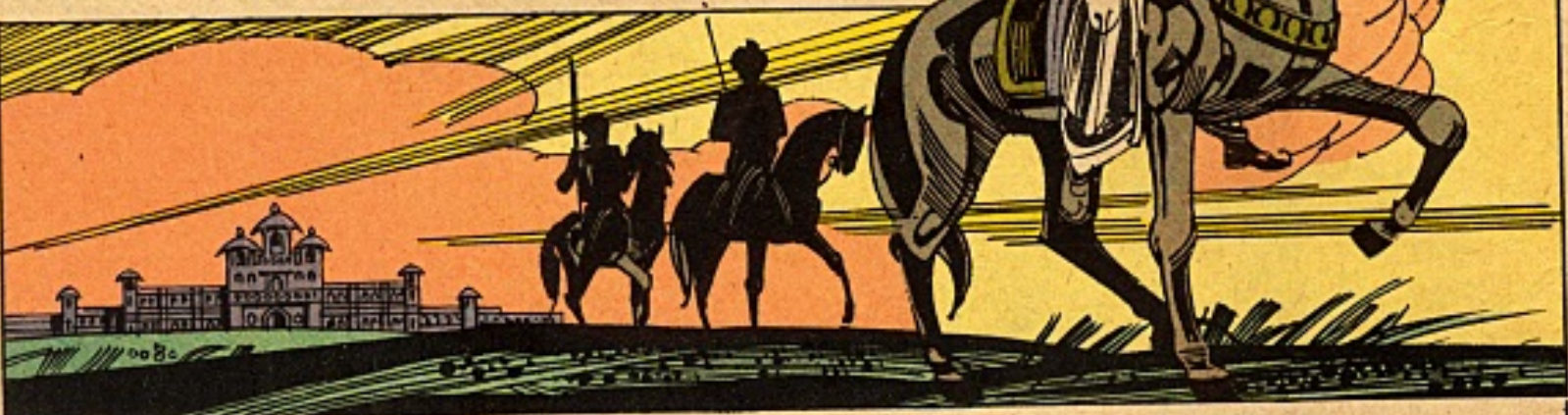


HE SENT FOR HIS MINISTER.

I WISH TO OFFER MY DAUGHTER IN MARRIAGE TO THE YOUNG KING OF KALINGA.

YOUR MAJESTY, I SHALL TAKE THE PROPOSAL TO KALINGA.

SO THE MINISTER SET OUT FOR KALINGA.



AT KALINGA, PURUSHOTTAM DEV'S OLD MINISTER WHO HAD HEARD ALL ABOUT PADMAVATI, WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL.

YOUR PROPOSAL IS MOST TIMELY. OUR KINGDOM NEEDS A QUEEN.





BUT PLEASE
STAY BACK AND SEE
OUR CAR*FESTIVAL
BEFORE YOU
RETURN.

I WOULD LOVE
TO STAY
BECAUSE
I HAVE HEARD
SO MUCH
ABOUT IT.

THE DAY OF THE FAMOUS CAR FESTIVAL SOON DAWNED.
IT WAS HELD IN HONOUR OF THE PRESIDING DEITIES OF
PURI; LORD JAGANNATH, HIS ELDER BROTHER BALARAMA
AND THEIR SISTER SUBHADRA. ACCORDING TO TRADITION,
BEFORE THE CAR WAS DRAWN BY THE DEVOTEES,
THE KING OF KALINGA IN A SYMBOLIC ACT HAD TO
SWEEP IT.



HOW
HUMILIATING!
THE KING
HOLDING A BROOM!

BACK AT KANCHI, AFTER THE MINISTER TOLD THE KING ABOUT THE STRANGE SIGHT HE SAW—

IT WOULD NEVER DO. OUR PRINCESS CANNOT WED A KING WHO SWEEPS CHARIOTS.

NEVER!



PLEASE SEND WORD THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS WITHDRAWN.



AT PURI—



I SHALL COME TO KANCHI AND EXPLAIN.



THE OLD MINISTER MADE
THE LONG TRIP TO KANCHI.
AT THE COURT—

YOUR HIGHNESS, MY
KING HAS BEEN
MISUNDERSTOOD.

THE ACT EMPHASISES THAT EVEN THE
KING IS ONLY A SERVANT OF GOD.

I AM SORRY.
I AM NOT
CONVINCED.

THE HUMILIATED MINISTER RETURNED TO PURI.

YOUR HIGHNESS, THE KING OF KANCHI
REFUSES TO GIVE HIS DAUGHTER TO YOU
BECAUSE YOU SWEEPED THE CHAR-
IOT FOR THE
FESTI-
VAL.

I SHALL
TAKE THIS
UP WITH
HIM — ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

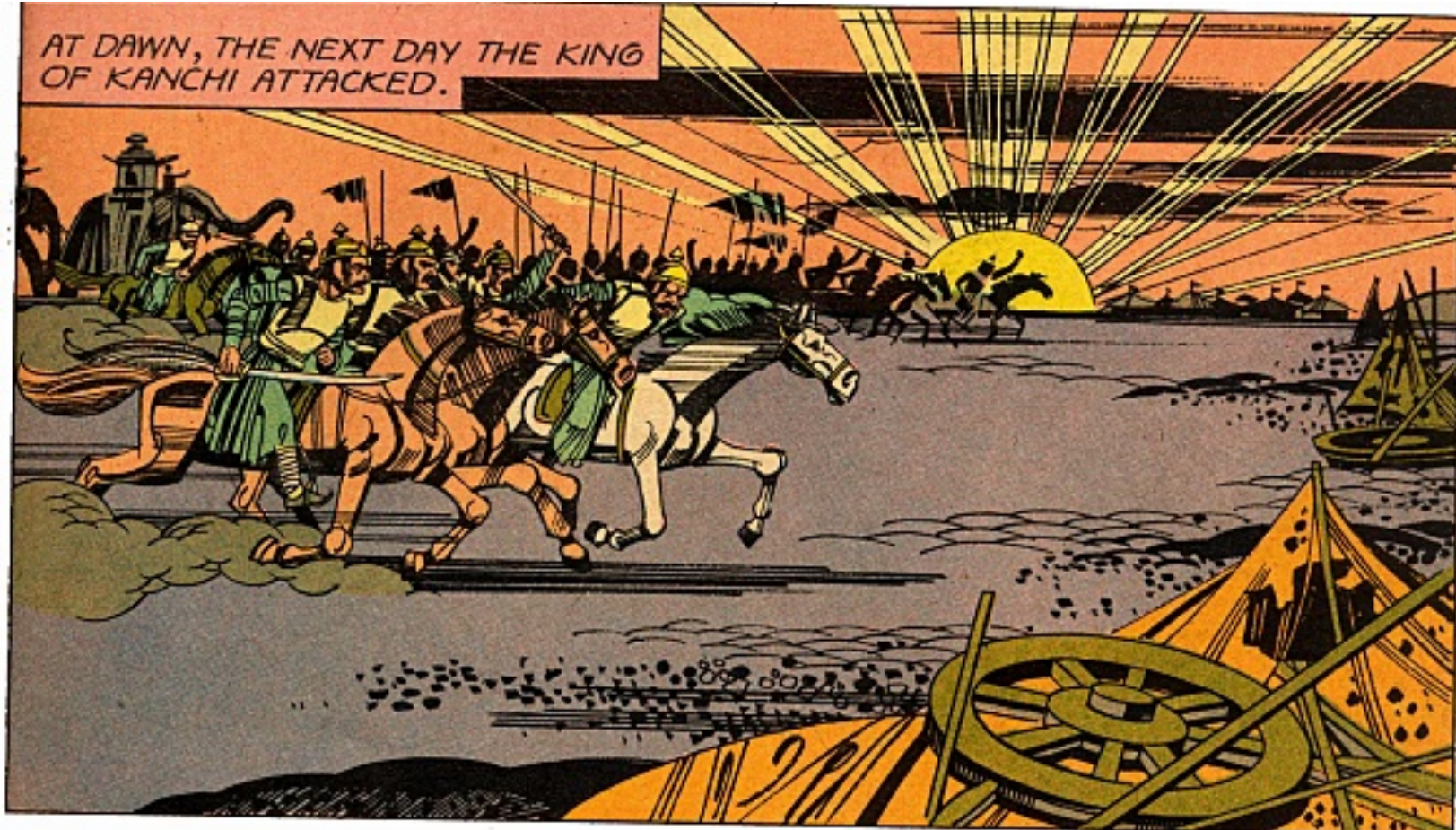
PURUSHOTTAM DEV
MARCHED INTO
KANCHI AND
A GREAT
BATTLE WAS
FOUGHT.



THAT NIGHT, SUDDENLY, THERE WAS FIRE IN THE CAMPS OF PURUSHOTTAM
DEV'S ARMY. HIS AMMUNITION AND PROVISIONS WERE DESTROYED.



AT DAWN, THE NEXT DAY THE KING
OF KANCHI ATTACKED.

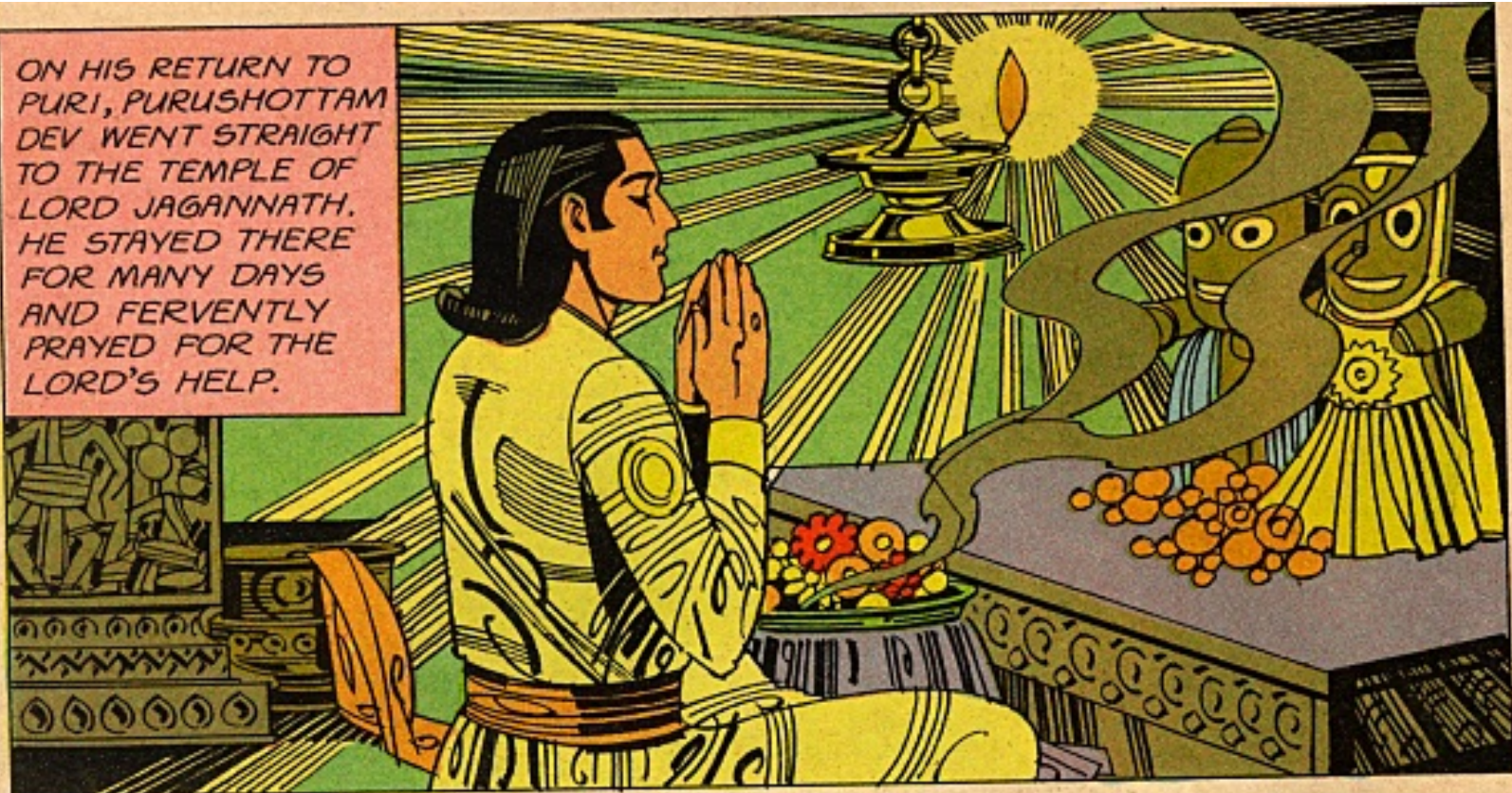


PURUSHOTTAM DEV WAS
FORCED TO RETREAT.

YOU SHALL PAY FOR
THIS IN OUR NEXT
BATTLE, O KING
OF KANCHI.



ON HIS RETURN TO PURI, PURUSHOTTAM DEV WENT STRAIGHT TO THE TEMPLE OF LORD JAGANNATH. HE STAYED THERE FOR MANY DAYS AND FERVENTLY PRAYED FOR THE LORD'S HELP.



MEANWHILE
AT KANCHI -

I SHALL HOLD A SWAYAMVARA* FOR PADMAVATI. IT WILL HELP HER FORGET THE SWEEPER-KING.



HE SENT FOR HIS MINISTER.

SEE THAT ALL THE KINGS OF THE LAND ARE INVITED. EXCEPT, OF COURSE, THE SWEEPER-KING.



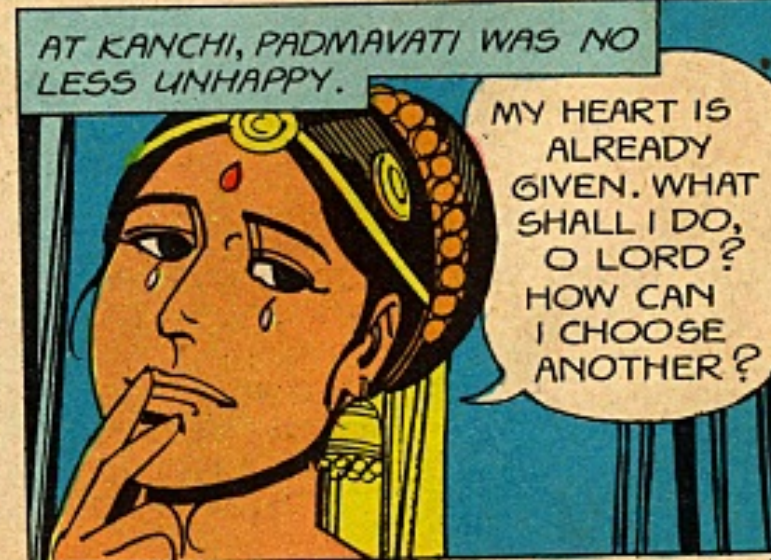
WHEN PURUSHOTTAM DEV HEARD ABOUT THE SWAYAMVARA -

O LORD! HOW CAN I BEAR THIS HUMILIATION?



AT KANCHI, PADMAVATI WAS NO LESS UNHAPPY.

MY HEART IS ALREADY GIVEN. WHAT SHALL I DO, O LORD? HOW CAN I CHOOSE ANOTHER?



* IN OLDEN DAYS, A GIRL OF THE KSHATRIYA CASTE WAS PERMITTED TO CHOOSE HER HUSBAND FROM AMONG SEVERAL SUITORS.

ONE NIGHT, LORD VISHNU CAME TO PURUSHOTTAM DEV IN HIS DREAM.



IN THE MORNING, THE KING GAVE ORDERS.



THE NEXT DAY AS THE ARMY PROCEEDED TOWARDS KANCHI—



THE KING WAS ASTOUNDED.



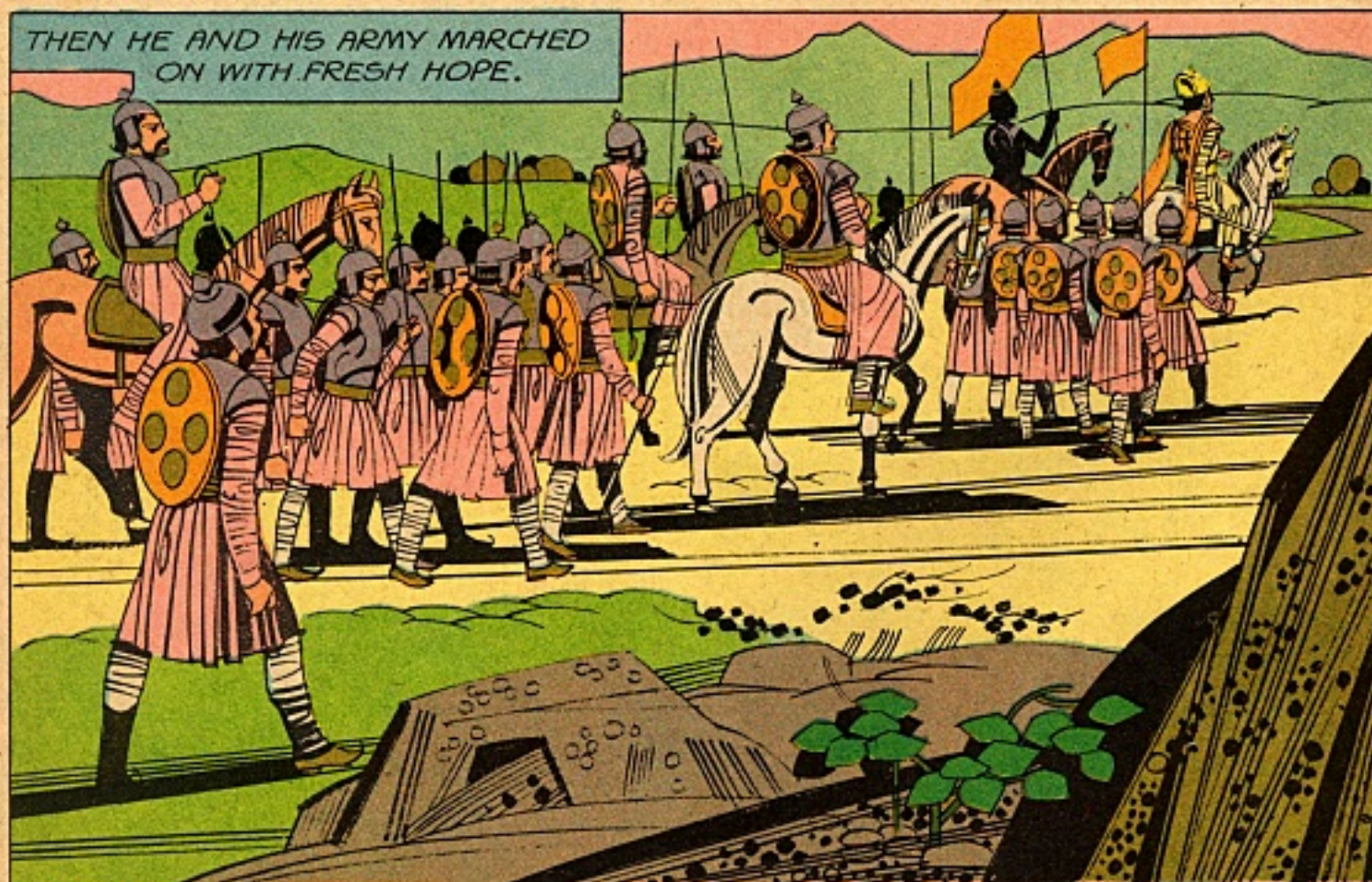


IN A FLASH HE UNDERSTOOD. THE TWO YOUTHS WERE JAGANNATH AND BALARAMA. THEY HAD ALREADY PROCEEDED TO KANCHI.

LORD, I KNOW YOU ARE WITH ME.

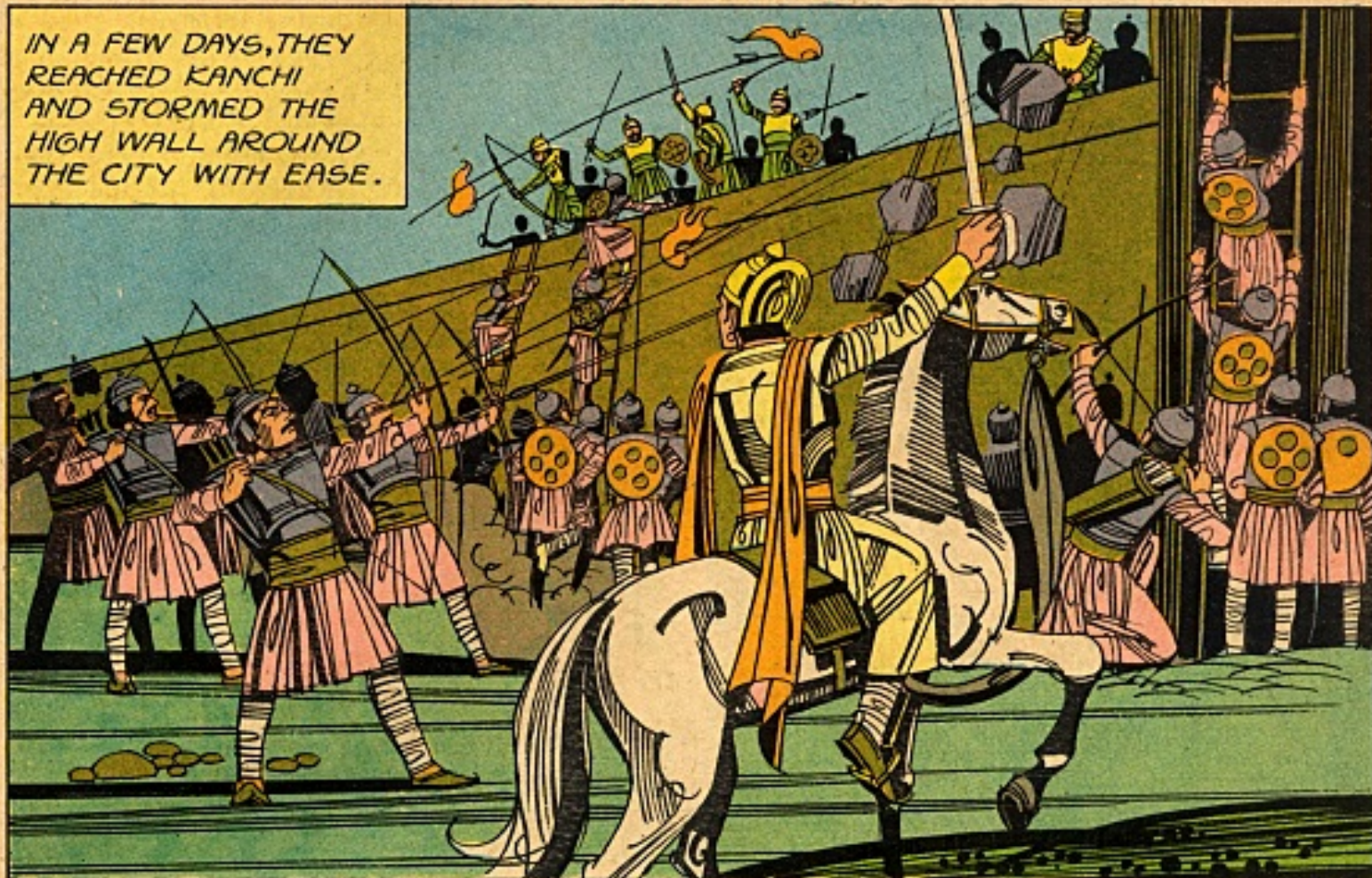


PURUSHOTTAM DEV REWARDED THE POOR WOMAN WITH A VILLAGE AND NAMED IT AFTER HER - MANIK PATNA.*

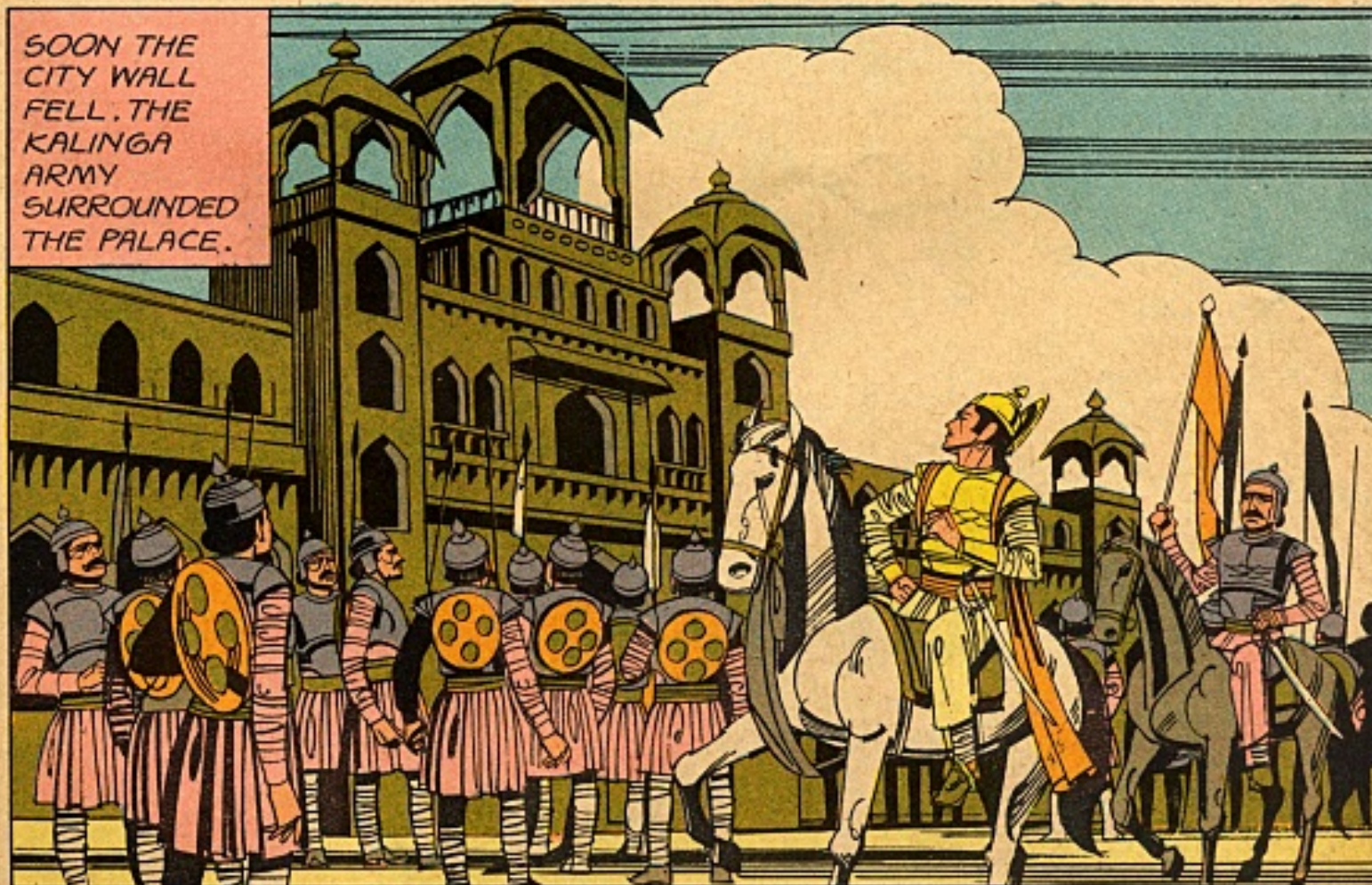


THEN HE AND HIS ARMY MARCHED ON WITH FRESH HOPE.

IN A FEW DAYS, THEY
REACHED KANCHI
AND STORMED THE
HIGH WALL AROUND
THE CITY WITH EASE.



SOON THE
CITY WALL
FELL. THE
KALINGA
ARMY
SURROUNDED
THE PALACE.



AND FINALLY THE DOORS OF THE PALACE TOO WERE FORCED OPEN.



NOW THAT VICTORY WAS THEIRS, PURUSHOTTAM DEV ORDERED HIS SOLDIERS TO CALM DOWN.

NO MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY SHOULD BE INSULTED OR INJURED IN ANY MANNER.



WITHIN MOMENTS, THE KING OF KANCHI WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM.



WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO WITH ME?

NOTHING. YOU SHALL BE FREED. BUT...



HE HESITATED FOR A MOMENT AS ALL THE HUMILIATION OF BEING LEFT OUT OF THE INVITATION TO THE SWAYAMVARA ROSE BEFORE HIM.



THE PRINCESS COULD NOT BELIEVE HER EARS WHEN SHE HEARD OF PURUSHOTTAM DEV'S PLANS FOR HER.



PURUSHOTTAM DEV THEN RODE TRIUMPHANTLY BACK TO PURI, ALONG WITH HIS CAPTIVE PRINCESS.



ALL PURI WAS OUT TO WELCOME THE VICTORIOUS KING.



AT COURT, THE NEXT DAY—

MINISTER, YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND A SWEEPER FOR PADMAVATI.



THE MINISTER WAS SAD.

IT IS A BITTER TASK THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN.



PRINCESS PADMAVATI WAS HEARTBROKEN.

I HAD OFTEN DREAMT OF COMING TO THE CITY OF MY BELOVED. INDEED I HAVE COME... ONLY TO BE DISGRACED.



THEN SHE LOOKED AT THE RING
ON HER FINGER AND SMILED TO
HERSELF.



BUT POISON,
YOU ARE LOYAL
AND SHALL BE MY
DELIVERANCE.

ONE DAY, THE OLD MINISTER MET
THE YOUNG KING IN PRIVATE.



MY LORD!
PLEASE
CHANGE
YOUR
DECISION.

NEVER! I HAVE
MADE A PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT.

NEVERTHELESS PURUSHOTTAM
DEV WAS THE WORST SUFFERER.




I LOVE HER.
HOW CAN
I SEE HER
MARRIED TO
A SWEEPER?

YET I CANNOT
GO BACK ON
MY OWN
DECISION.




IT WAS A MOONLIT NIGHT. AS HE LOOKED OUT OF HIS WINDOW, HE SAW PADMAVATI ON THE PALACE TERRACE.



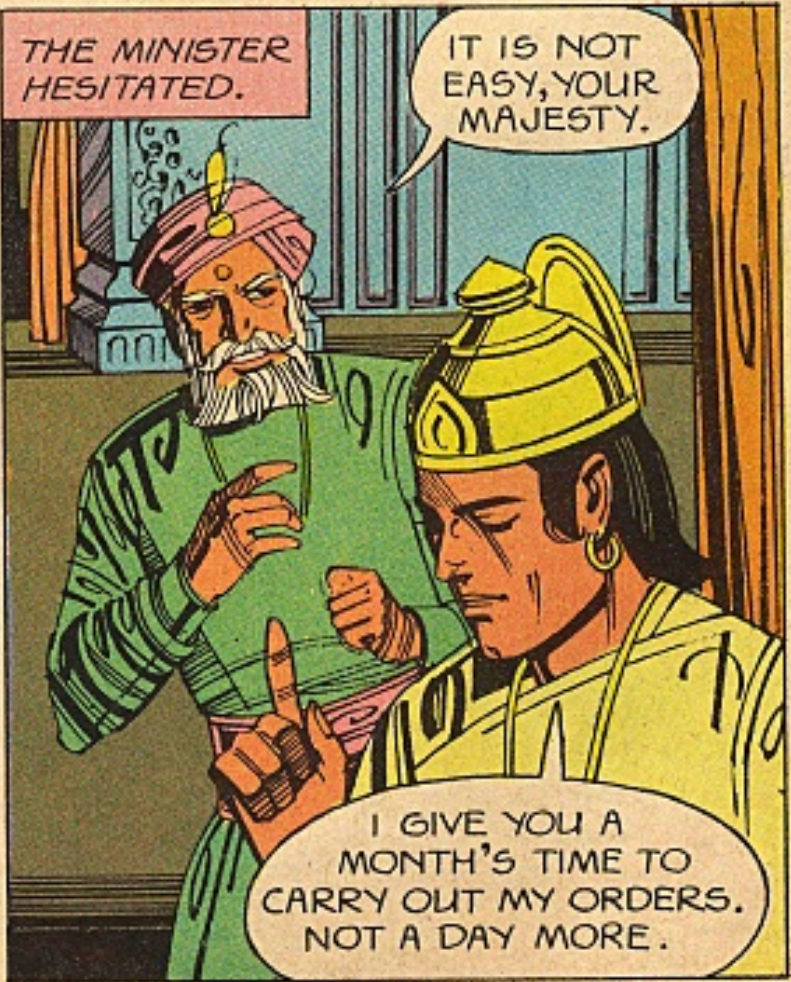
I WILL HAVE NO PEACE AS LONG AS PADMAVATI IS HERE. SHE MUST BE MARRIED OFF IMMEDIATELY.

THE NEXT MORNING, HE CALLED HIS MINISTER TO HIM.



HAVE YOU FOUND THE SWEEPER FOR PADMAVATI?

THE MINISTER HESITATED.



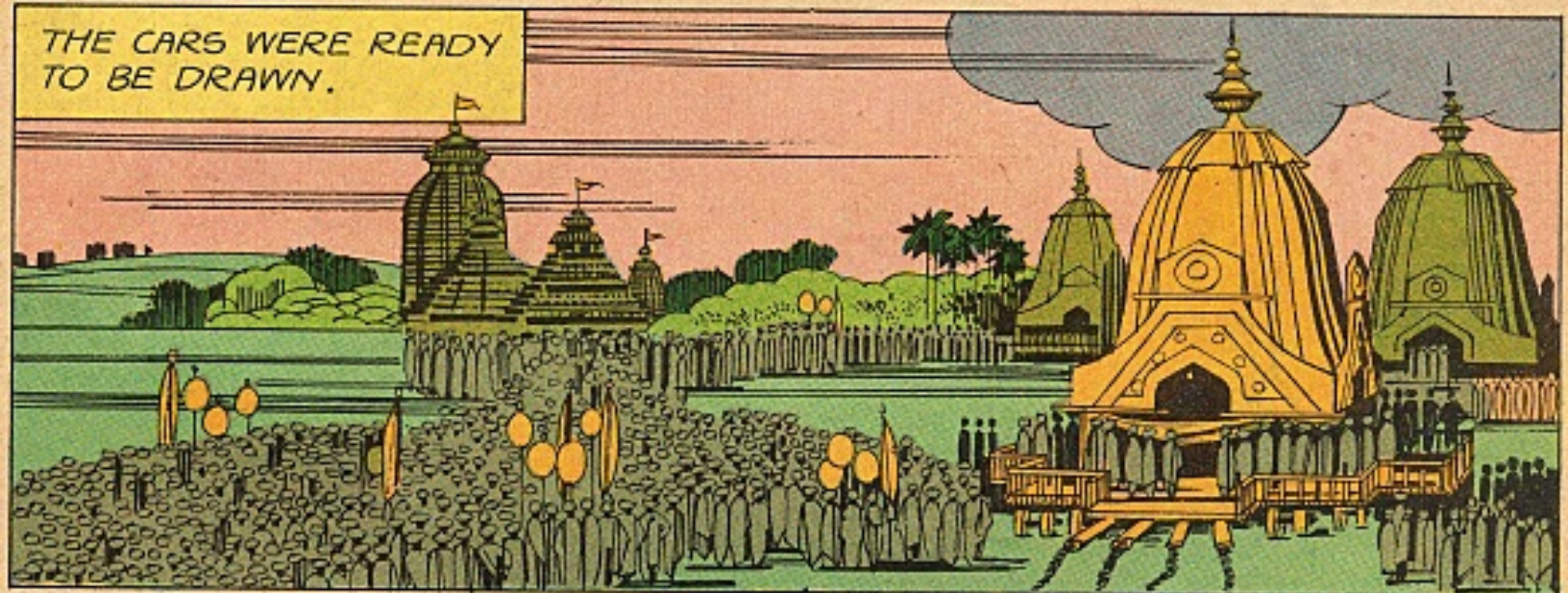
IT IS NOT EASY, YOUR MAJESTY.

I GIVE YOU A MONTH'S TIME TO CARRY OUT MY ORDERS. NOT A DAY MORE.

THE DAYS PASSED AND THE MINISTER WONDERED
HOW HE WOULD MAKE THE KING SEE SENSE.
MEANWHILE THE DAY OF THE CAR FESTIVAL
CAME ONCE AGAIN. MILLING CROWDS
THRONGED THE TEMPLE.



THE CARS WERE READY
TO BE DRAWN.



ROYAL MUSICIANS HERALDED THE
ARRIVAL OF THE KING.



AND THE KING ARRIVED.



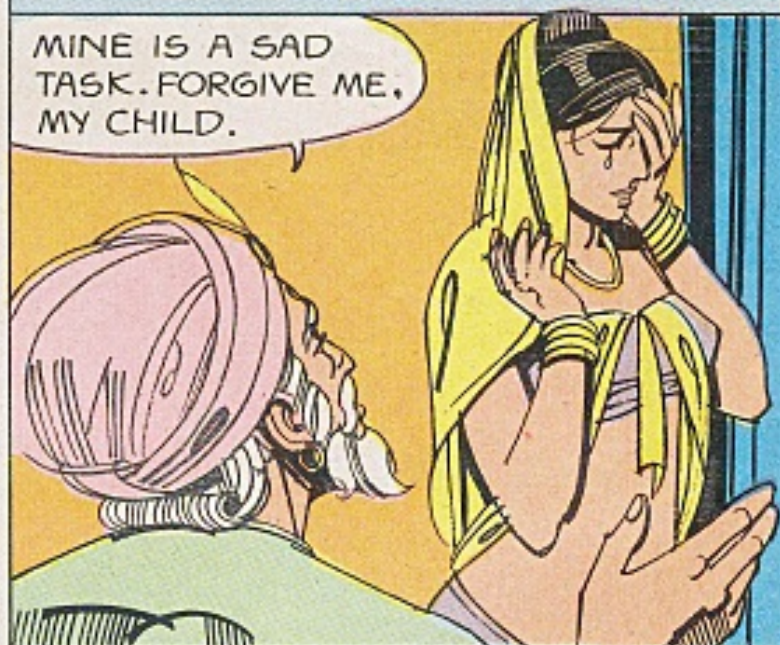
AS PADMAVATI SAT ALONE IN HER APARTMENT, THE OLD MINISTER CAME TO HER.

GET READY, MY CHILD. I WILL HAVE TO GET YOU MARRIED. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY.



THE PRINCESS GOT UP, TREMBLING.

MINE IS A SAD TASK. FORGIVE ME, MY CHILD.



YES. TODAY I SHALL DIE. SWEET POISON, DO NOT FAIL ME.



HER MAIDS DRESSED HER.

MAKE ME BEAUTIFUL. FOR TODAY I ENTER THE KINGDOM OF DEATH.

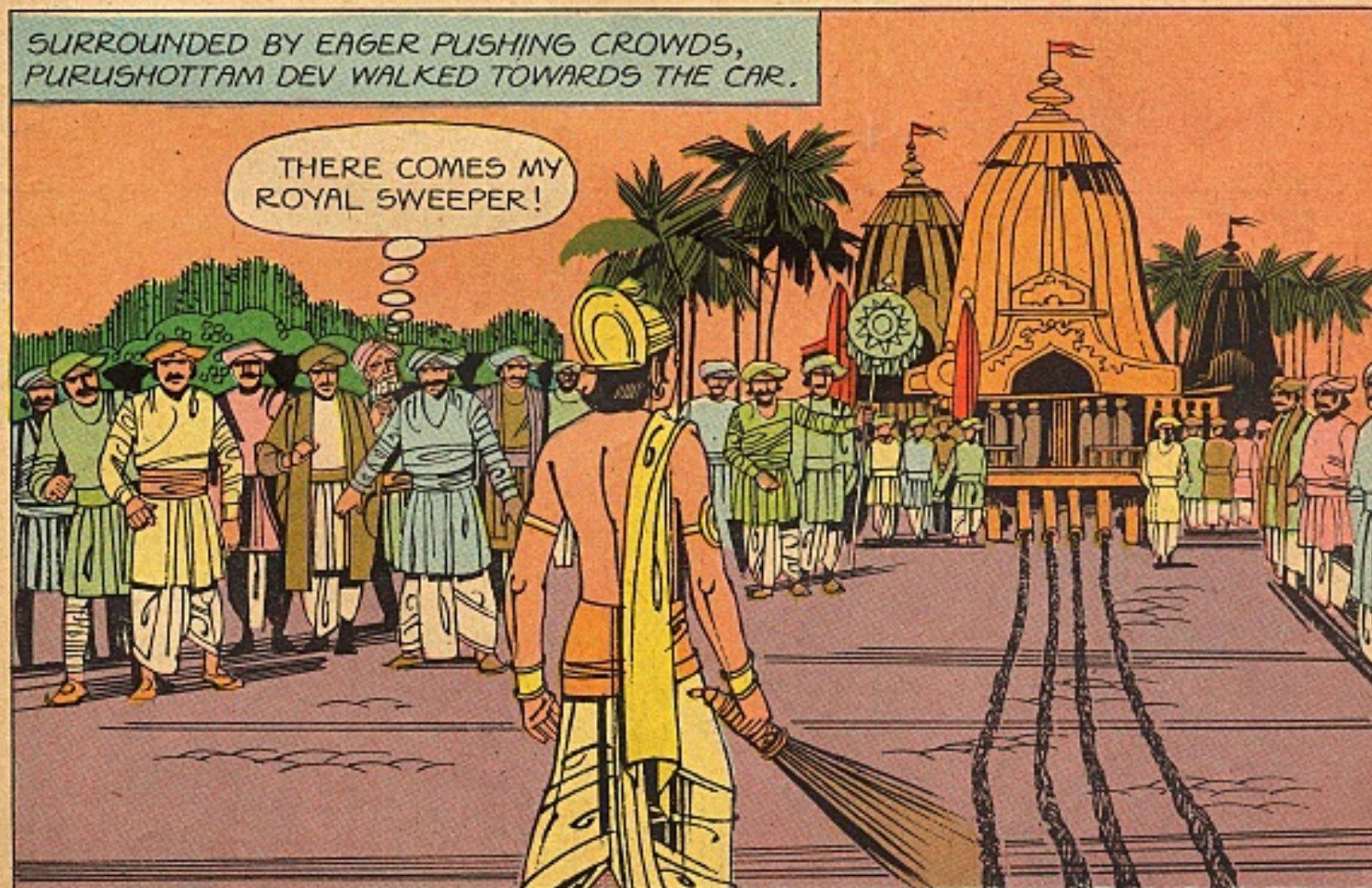


THE PRINCESS WAS CARRIED INTO THE STREET.



SURROUNDED BY EAGER PUSHING CROWDS, PURUSHOTTAM DEV WALKED TOWARDS THE CAR.

THERE COMES MY ROYAL SWEEPER!



WHEN THE SYMBOLIC ACT OF
SWEEPING WAS OVER...

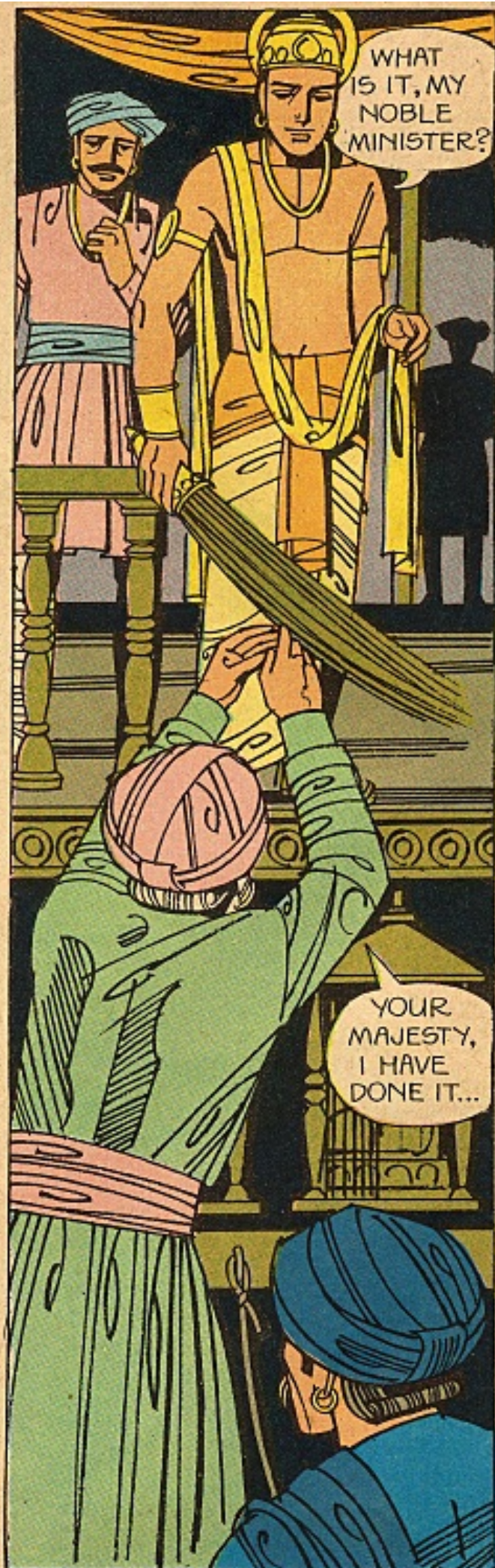


...THE MINISTER RUSHED FORWARD.

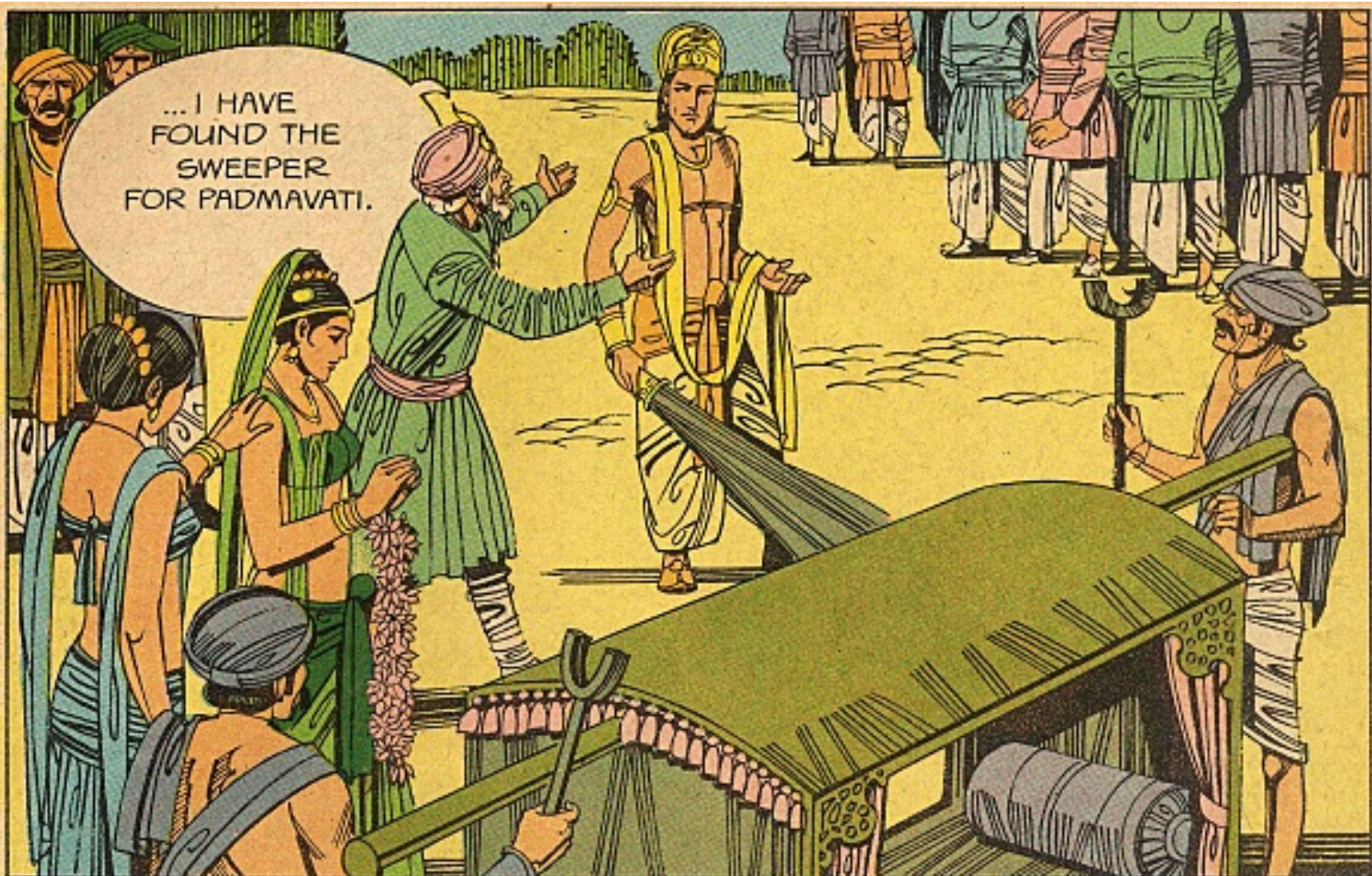
MY LORD!
MY LORD!



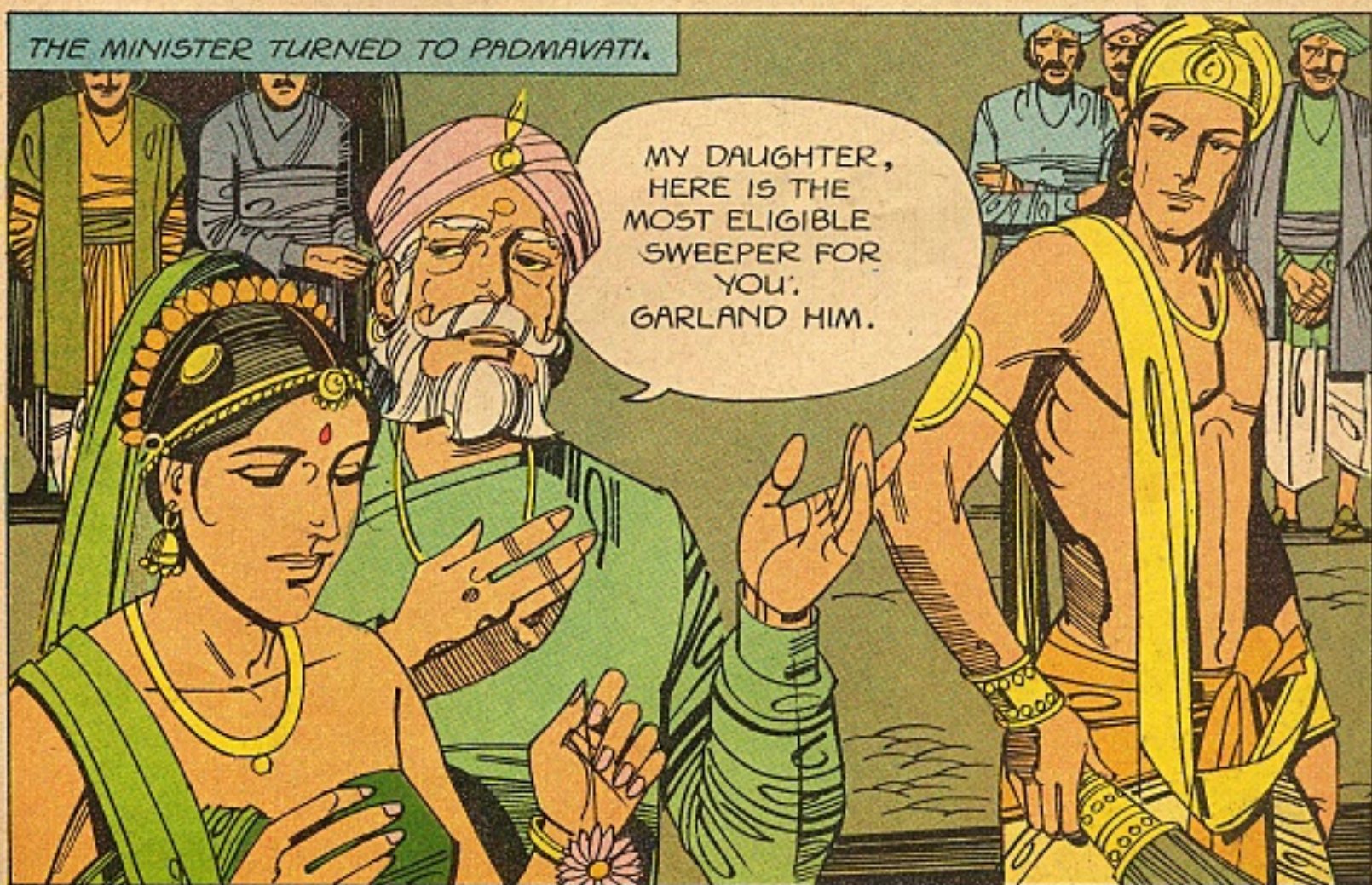
WHAT
IS IT, MY
NOBLE
MINISTER?



YOUR
MAJESTY,
I HAVE
DONE IT...



THE MINISTER TURNED TO PADMAVATI.



PADMAVATI WAS ONLY TOO GLAD TO DO AS HE BID.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, MY MINISTER?

ARE YOU NOT A SWEEPER NOW, MY LORD?

INDEED!
I AM!

THE CROWD WAS JUBILANT. THEY KNEW THAT THEIR KING WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY. HE KEPT HIS WORD AND HE KEPT HIS LOVE.

GOD BLESS OUR KING.

GOD BLESS QUEEN PADMAVATI.



AND THE KING AND QUEEN OFFERED PRAYERS TO LORD JAGANNATH WHO WAS EVER GRACIOUS TO HIS DEVOTEES.





► ISOLY-I
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IT WAS A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN. IN THIRTEEN DAYS HE RODE OVER A THOUSAND MILES, EVERYWHERE DEFEATING THE ENEMY AND ENLARGING HIS KINGDOM.



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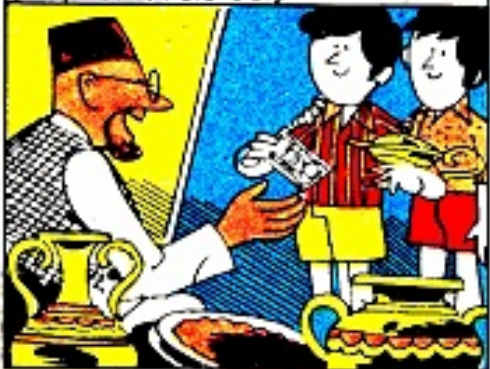
RAM & SHYAM FIND ALLADIN'S LAMP



To Chor Bazaar our heroes go
Many a bargain they see on show.



An antique lamp catches
their eye, so unique that
they soon do buy.



They rub the lamp
and give a shout, Lots
of smoke comes swirling out.



"Hey Ram wow, can you
see, it looks like
Alladin's genii!"



"What's your wish,
oh my master
I'll grant it
quick if not faster!"



"For gold or silver
we have no greed, A crate
of Poppins will fill our need!"



Lo and behold, a crate so tall
A merry time
was had by all!

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